

106TH CONGRESS
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S. 2711

To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and other appropriate agencies for the purpose of improving water quality throughout the marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 12, 2000

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Florida Keys Water
5 Quality Improvements Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. FLORIDA KEYS WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS.**

2 Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
3 (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 121. FLORIDA KEYS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may make
7 grants to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, appro-
8 priate agencies of municipalities of Monroe County, Flor-
9 ida, and other appropriate public agencies of the State of
10 Florida or Monroe County for the planning and construc-
11 tion of treatment works to improve water quality in the
12 Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

13 “(b) CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS.—To be eligible for a
14 grant for a project under subsection (a), an agency de-
15 scribed in subsection (a) shall demonstrate that—

16 “(1) the agency has completed adequate plan-
17 ning and design activities for the project;

18 “(2) the agency has completed a financial plan
19 identifying sources of non-Federal funding for the
20 project;

21 “(3) the project complies with—

22 “(A) applicable growth management ordi-
23 nances of Monroe County, Florida;

24 “(B) applicable agreements between Mon-
25 roe County, Florida, and the State of Florida to
26 manage growth in Monroe County, Florida; and

1 “(C) applicable water quality standards;
2 and

3 “(4) the project is consistent with the master
4 wastewater and stormwater plans for Monroe Coun-
5 ty, Florida.

6 “(c) CONSIDERATION.—In selecting projects to re-
7 ceive grants under subsection (a), the Administrator shall
8 consider whether a project will have substantial water
9 quality benefits relative to other projects under consider-
10 ation.

11 “(d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,
12 the Administrator shall consult with—

13 “(1) the Steering Committee established under
14 section 8(d)(2)(A) of the Florida Keys National Ma-
15 rine Sanctuary and Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1433
16 note; 106 Stat. 5054);

17 “(2) the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration
18 Task Force established by section 528(f) of the
19 Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (110
20 Stat. 3771);

21 “(3) the Commission on the Everglades estab-
22 lished by Executive Order of the Governor of the
23 State of Florida; and

24 “(4) other appropriate State and local govern-
25 ment agencies.

1 “(e) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
2 cost of a project carried out using amounts from grants
3 made under subsection (a) shall be not more than 75 per-
4 cent.

5 “(f) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

6 “(1) PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS
7 PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES.—In the case of
8 any equipment or product that may be authorized to
9 be purchased with financial assistance provided
10 under this section, it is the sense of Congress that
11 agencies receiving the financial assistance should, in
12 expending the assistance, purchase only equipment
13 and products that are produced in the United
14 States.

15 “(2) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSIST-
16 ANCE.—In providing financial assistance under this
17 section, the Administrator shall provide to each re-
18 cipient of the assistance a notice describing the
19 statement of Congress under paragraph (1).

20 “(3) REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.—Not
21 later than 180 days after an agency that receives
22 funds under this section makes any expenditure on
23 an item that is produced in a country other than the
24 United States, the agency shall report the expendi-
25 ture to Congress.

1 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
3 to remain available until expended—
4 “(1) \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;
5 “(2) \$31,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and
6 “(3) \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003
7 through 2005.”.

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